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# ACL/H-L RECIPROCAL SPACE CHARTER AND SAILING AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 4th day of June, 1986 by and among Atlantic Container Line, A.B. ("ACL"), and Hapag-Lloyd AG ("H-L") and amended and restated as of this day of as of this 21st day of July 202106, to reflect Hapag-Lloyd AG as a party succeeding Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS ACL operates as an ocean common carrier in the Trade (as defined in Article 4);

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WHEREAS H-L operates as an ocean common carrier throughout the Trade;

WHEREAS cooperation between the Parties will enable them to achieve the goals specified in Article 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

Article 1: Name

The full name of this Agreement is the "ACL/H-L Reciprocal Space Charter and Sailing Agreement."

Article 2: Purpose

The Purpose of this Agreement is to permit the Parties to achieve efficiencies and economics, including expanded geographic coverage, in their services offered in the trade covered by the Agreement.

Article 3: Parties

The Parties to this Agreement are:

1. Atlantic Container Line, AB

50 Cardinal Drive 194 Wood Avenue South P.O. Box 4120
Westfield, NJ 07090 Iselin, NJ 08830

## 2. Hapag-Lloyd AG

Ballindamm 25 20095 Hamburg Germany

# Article 4: Geographic Scope

This Agreement applies to ocean carrier services (whether direct or by transshipment, and irrespective of the origin or destination of the cargo) between a) ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States, the Atlantic Coast of Canada, and the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence River, on the one hand, and ports in Europe (Hamburg-Le Havre range and ports in the United Kingdom) excluding the Mediterranean, on the other hand; b) Ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States, on the one hand, and ports on the Atlantic Coast of Canada, the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence River, and the East Coast of Mexico, on the other hand; c) and European ports referred to above. All of the foregoing is referred to herein as the "Trade."

#### Article 5: Agreement Authority

### 5.1 Space and Vessels

- westbound voyage of its weekly A service and H-L shall provide ACL with slots for a total of 350 TEUs on each eastbound and westbound voyage of its weekly AL2 and AL4 services (250 slots on AL2 and 100 slots on AL4). Slots shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the Parties may agree from time to time. Subject to cargo demand and space availability, either Party may charter additional slots on the aforementioned service(s) to the other on such terms and conditions as the Parties may agree from time to time. In addition, without further amendment hereto, the Parties may by mutual agreement revise the number of slots to be provided by each of them up or down by up to 25%. The Parties may charter or otherwise make space and slots available to and from each other on their respective vessels in the Trade on such terms as they may from time to time agree.
- (b) The Parties shall keep one another advised of the port rotations and schedules of their respective services (including but not limited to drydockings, blanked sailings, and delays), and are authorized to discuss and agree on remedies/compensation for port omissions and/or blanked sailings. Each Party shall provide not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of any permanent changes in port calls, port rotation, or other changes in its service. In the event either Party makes a permanent change to its service that the other Party acting in

good faith considers to have a detrimental impact on its commercial interests, the

Parties shall negotiate in good faith regarding revisions to this Agreement to address
such detrimental impact.

The Parties may agree on their respective services including the number, size and types of vessels operated by each Party in the Trade. The Parties may also agree on the number of sailings, schedules, ports called and frequency of port calls for their vessels in the Trade. The Parties may charter vessels to and from each other, or from other persons for use in the Trade on such terms as they may from time to time agree.

- (c) The maximum number of vessels to be employed by the Parties at any one time under this Agreement without further amendment is 31 vessels, each vessel being up to 55,000 deadweight tons.
- (c) Neither Party may sub-charter space made available to it hereunder to another carrier without the prior written consent of the other Party.

# 5.2 <u>Equipment</u>

The Parties may discuss and agree on standards for, and may interchange, purchase, lease, sublease, or otherwise cooperate in connection with, containers, chassis or other equipment as between themselves, or to, from or with others, on such terms as they may from time to time agree.

# 5.3 Facilities, Services and Supplies

The Parties may discuss and agree on the use of any terminal facilities, including their own; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, <u>that they shall negotiate and contract</u>

<u>separately may jointly negotiate and enter into leases</u>, <u>subleases or assignments of such facilities</u>; and may contact for stevedoring, terminal or other related services or supplies with each other or jointly with third parties.

#### 5.4 Conferences, Competition

The Parties may discuss and agree on their respective memberships in any conference or rate agreement in the Trade, provided that each Party shall retain the unilateral right to join or withdraw from any such conference or rate agreement in accordance with the terms of such agreement.

#### 5.4 5.5 Administration

(a) The Parties may establish a staff or entity to perform administrative and operational functions (including, but not limited to, scheduling, allocating space, forecasting, terminal operations and stowage planning) relating to the implementation of the authority under this Agreement, and may agree on the sharing of administrative and operational expenses incurred in the implementation of the authority under this Agreement.

(b)(a) The Parties may implement this Agreement by meetings, writings and other communications between them, and may act through a Steering Committee, or in the staff referred to in Article 5.5(a), or make other arrangements as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes and provisions of this Agreement.

(b) The Parties, in implementing the Agreement, may agree on their respective rights, liabilities, and indemnities arising under this Agreement, including matters such as failure to perform, force majeure, general average, and insurance.

(c) Pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §535.408(b), any further agreement between the Parties, other than those concerning routine operational and administrative matters, will not be implemented unless such agreement has been filed and become effective under the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended.

Article 6: Officials of Agreement and Delegation of Authority

Any authorized officer of the Parties shall have the authority to execute and file, or to delegate the authority to execute and file, modifications to this Agreement on behalf of each of them.

Article 7: Membership, Withdrawal, Readmission and Expulsion

7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article 9 hereof, if at any time during the term of this Agreement there shall be a change in the ownership or control of either of the Parties, and the other Party or its successor is of the opinion that such change is likely to prejudice materially the cohesion of the Joint Service, then either such Party or its successor may, within twelve (12) months of becoming aware of such change, given not less than six (6) month's notice in writing to the other Party terminating the Agreement.

7.17.2 Either Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing the other Party with not less than three (3) six (6) months' written notice of said withdrawal.

7.27.3 In the event of cancellation or termination of the Agreement, the Parties shall remain liable to one another in respect of all liabilities and obligations incurred prior to the cancellation of all contracts outstanding at the date of cancellation or termination or the Agreement.

Article 8: <u>Voting</u>

Decisions under this Agreement shall be by mutual agreement of the

Parties.

Article 9: Duration and Cancellation

This Agreement shall continue until terminated by mutual consent of the Parties, or until one of the Parties resigns pursuant to Article 7 hereof.

Article 10: Notices

All notices required to be given hereunder shall be given in writing addressed to the respective Parties as follows:

Atlantic Container Line, A.B. 50 Cardinal Drive 194 Wood Avenue South Westfield, NJ 07090 P.O. Box 4120 Iselin, NJ 08830

Hapag-Lloyd AG Ballindamm 25 20095 Hamburg Germany

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Article 11: Applicable Law

The interpretation, construction and enforcement of this Agreement shall

be governed by the laws of England, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve

the Parties of compliance with the Shipping Act of 1984.

Article 12: Arbitration

12.1 Any controversy or claim relating to this Agreement shall be referred to

arbitration under the International Arbitration Rules of the London Court of

International Arbitration ("LCIA"), provided that not less than sixty (60) days' notice of

intention to refer the matter to arbitration, specifying the nature of the controversy or

claim, shall have been delivered in writing to the other Party.

12.2 The arbitration shall be before a panel of three arbitrators unless the

Parties agree that the arbitration shall be before a single arbitrator.

12.3 In such an arbitration, each Party shall appoint one

arbitrator and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the two arbitrators appointed

by the Parties. If either Party fails to appoint an arbitrator within

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thirty (30) days after the request for arbitration, such arbitrator shall be selected and

appointed by the LCIA. If the arbitrators nominated by the Parties fail to appoint the

third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after their appointment, such third arbitrator

shall be selected and appointed by the LCIA.

12.4 If the arbitration is to be before a single arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be

jointly appointed by the Parties. If such arbitrator shall not have been appointed within

thirty (30) days after the request for arbitration, the arbitrator shall be selected and

appointed by the LCIA.

12.5 The Parties agree to exclude any right of application or appeal to any

courts in connection with any question of law arising in the course of such arbitration

or with respect to any award made therein.

Article 13: Language

This Agreement and any and all notices, communications or other writing

made in connection with this Agreement, shall be written in the English language.

Neither of the Parties shall be obligated to translate such matter into any other

language, and the wording and the meaning of any such matters in the English

language shall govern and control.

Article 14: Severability

Should any term or provision in this Agreement be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, and the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term or provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

Article 15: <u>Effective Date</u>

This Agreement shall take effect on the date it becomes effective pursuant to Section 6 of the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended.

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#### SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to Agreement No. 010955 hereby
agree this \_\_ day of July, 2021, to amend and restate the Agreement as per the attached
pages, and to file the same with the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission.

ATLANTIC CONTAINER LINE, AB HAPAG-LLOYD AG

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: By:\_\_\_\_\_\_
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